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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Economic development, jobs and way of life are cornerstones of what make Texas a great place to live and do business, and here at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, we are committed to promoting and advocating for the economic success of our members. We strive to strengthen the local economy, promote the community, provide networking venues and opportunities, represent the interests of our members, and take action.

This is why I write to you today.

The majority of our members are small businesses which rely on state-of-the-art technologies to compete in a global marketplace. Already at a disadvantage with larger corporations, our members also must battle with obtaining leading innovations as quickly as their competitors in larger metropolitan areas, such as Houston or Dallas.

The benefits the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger will have on communities such as ours are considerable. The expansion of wireless services will mean faster internet speeds and dependable connections – both necessary for success of our members' businesses. Expanded access to fast wireless connections give important projects a boost including the Central Texas Technology Center, a facility intended to help New Braunfels/Seguin area residents to attain entry-level skills or increase technical skills and to connect to jobs or higher education opportunities.

So, as you can see, it is imperative that we do all we can to ensure that our community can benefit from expanded high-speed wireless connections, which can be achieved through the AT&T/T-Mobile partnership.

Please support the small businesses of our community, and communities such as ours nationwide, by backing this merger and help us help our community.

Sincerely,



Michael Meek, CEcD
President

Your Marketing Promotion and Community Action Organization